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The Honorable Romano L. Mazzoli  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Legislation  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on H.R. 5805, a bill to amend the CIA Retirement Act to provide benefits to certain former spouses. The Director has asked me to respond on his behalf.

On 1 August 1984, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) testified before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee in opposition to retroactive divorced spouse survivor benefits and Federal Employee Health Benefits Program coverage for former spouses of persons covered by Civil Service retirement system. Basic benefits under the CIA retirement and disability system generally have paralleled those of the larger Civil Service retirement system. Consequently, the CIA defers to OPM on the merits of H.R. 5805.

We appreciate the opportunity to present our views on this legislation. The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

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